

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Shame on Sinclair for allowing such a blatant smear campaign to be touted as actual news. If they want to report that such a group exists in a fair and non-partisan manner that is one thing, but to air such an obviously partisan documentary & attempt to confuse the American people just before the national elections is shameful. Let this group go the route of Fahrenheit 911 and get it in the movie theatres, not on the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.